GORMLEY APPOINTED WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Melissa Gormley, assistant professor of history, has been appointed director of the UW-Platteville Women’s and Gender Studies Program. Gormley is also presenting a faculty forum at UW-Platteville on April 5 entitled “Female Bodies/State Desires: Women, Modernity and the Brazilian State.”

INAUGURAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ENDEAVORS SYMPOSIUM

Everyone is invited to attend the inaugural Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors symposium hosted by the UW-Platteville College of LAE on Wednesday, April 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Ullsvik Hall’s Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery and Southwest Wisconsin Room. Students enrolled in the College of LAE will share their traditional research projects, independent studies, literary analyses, creative writing, original musical or theatrical performances, and exhibitions of artwork with visitors.

CHELLEVOLD NAMED OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Dave Chellevold, lecturer in the UW-Platteville School of Education and alumus of the UW-Platteville Master of Science in Education-Counselor Education program, has been named this year’s Outstanding Academic Advisor for the College of LAE.

“Dave is such an excellent advisor because he is always gladly willing to answer any questions you may have about your classes,” said Sarah Speich, early childhood elementary education major and special education/inclusion minor from Reedsburg, Wis. “He knows many of the class requirements without having to look in the course catalog, and he can be a real lifesaver when you are unsure of what classes to take the following semester.”
DO YOU REMEMBER?
BY HELENE HURLEY MAGEE, LAE ALUMNI CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER, 1971 SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNA

I have such fond memories of my time at UW-Platteville. I looked forward to the month of March because I and my fellow students of Irish decent would love to sample some green beer in honor of St. Patrick at our favorite downtown bars. I lived for two years in Dobson Hall, so I also remember the long cold walks during March blizzards to classes in Old Main and Rountree Hall.

March was also a time of high expectation as the grass started turning green and the smell of spring filled the air. The birds would return from their winter hiatus down south and sing their songs. The ice rink on the patio area of the old Student Center (now Ullsvik Hall) would melt and in late March, the summer time patio furniture would begin to appear. The days grew longer as we realized that the end of another academic year was drawing to a close with graduation just around the corner.

I am fortunate now to live in Dubuque, Iowa, so I can make frequent trips to UW-Platteville and partake in the many activities and events happening on campus. I am proud to say that every day is a great day to be a Pioneer. I invite all current LAE students and alumni to join in the adventure.

IVA (WHITFORD) POLKINGHORN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

Jeff Matthias, a 1987 UW-Platteville graduate, and Ray Polkinghorn, a 1990 UW-Platteville graduate, established the Iva (Whitford) Polkinghorn Scholarship Fund in honor of their grandmother, Iva Polkinghorn. Iva graduated from the State Teachers College-Platteville in 1939, and taught in Edmund and at the Mineral Point Jackson School in a one-room, all-grade-level schoolhouse. The $2,000 scholarship, which requires applicants to write a brief summary detailing how the scholarship will benefit them, was created to benefit eligible UW-Platteville education majors who have earned 30 credits or more while maintaining a current cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. Though not required, participation in educational community service is preferred. Matthias said, “We hope this scholarship will encourage its recipients to tackle the rigors of life with tenacity, persistence and patience with the commitment towards developing both themselves and school-aged children.”

Photo key: Front row (left to right): Ray Polkinghorn, Iva Polkinghorn, Jeff Matthias and Dr. Laura Anderson, interim dean of LAE. Back row (left to right): Carol Polkinghorn, Bill Polkinghorn, Joyce Voigts, Tim Voigts, Brenda Matthias and Denee Hirsch, UW-Platteville Foundation director of development.
Aric Dutelle and Diana Johnson, assistant professors in the UW-Platteville Department of Criminal Justice, accompanied students Courtney Grahek, Amanda Corrigeux, Molly Neesam and Kami Miles to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences conference in Atlanta, Ga., in February. “There were so many different speakers that we could go to, and every single one that I went to had something that I could learn from,” said Grahek.

**TUCKER PUBLISHES ESSAY**

Dr. Amanda Tucker, UW-Platteville assistant professor of English, is publishing her essay, “Strangers in a Strange Land?: The New Irish Multicultural Fiction,” with Manchester University Press. Tucker is presenting her research this month at the American Conference for Irish Studies in New Orleans, and will be traveling to Belfast, Ireland, in May to present on the topics of race, immigration and multiculturalism in 20th-century Ireland.

**SOOFI AGREES TO CO-EDIT UPCOMING BOOK**

Dr. Abdol Soofi, UW-Platteville professor of economics, has recently agreed to co-edit the book “Technological Innovations in Iran: Development and Progress.” Soofi said the book will be published through Palgrave-Macmillan and is scheduled to appear in print this fall.

**DUTELLE PUBLISHES CJ TEXT**

Aric Dutelle, assistant professor in the UW-Platteville Department of Criminal Justice and coordinator of UW-Platteville’s Forensic Investigation Program, recently co-wrote and published the fourth edition of a textbook entitled “Criminal Investigation” with Ronald Becker, professor of criminology and criminal justice at Chaminade University of Honolulu in Hawaii.

**GEOGRAPHY FACULTY AND STUDENTS PRESENT AT NYC CONFERENCE**

Five representatives from the UW-Platteville Geography Program recently traveled to New York City to present research at the Association of American Geographers annual meeting. Students Nick Flinner and Brody Knaak attended the event with UW-Platteville geography faculty and staff members Dr. RJ Rowley, Chris Underwood and Thomas Wilding. “Our students did an excellent job with their presentations,” said Underwood. “I am very proud of the work they did. Their presentations were every bit as good, and even better in many cases, than those of their peers. This is quite an accomplishment, considering their peers were mostly graduate students and faculty from other colleges.”
1. **What is your current club enrollment?**
   We currently have 60 members, with several additional people who are attending meetings but have not yet become members.

2. **Who is eligible to join SWEA?**
   Any education major is eligible to join.

3. **What upcoming events do you have?**
   The State Student WEA Representative Assembly is scheduled for April 27-28, which members can attend. This event is great to learn more about Student WEA at the state and national level, get up to date on politics, learn about our constitution and meet a ton of new people. Members can also attend the WEAC Representative Assembly or the National Education Association Representative Assembly in Washington, D.C., at the end of June.

4. **When are the meetings held and how does a student become a member?**
   This semester our meetings are every other Thursday at 5 p.m. in Doudna Hall Room 144. Our meeting topics for the rest of this semester are résumé writing, interview tips, first-year teacher panel, a student teaching panel and our end-of-the-year pizza party. Students interested in learning more about SWEA and how to become a member may e-mail martinsens@uwplatt.edu.

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**TRUMPET ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT CONFERENCE IN GEORGIA**

**Dr. David Cooper** and his trumpet ensemble students have been selected to perform at the 2012 International Trumpet Guild Conference that will be held May 22-26 in Columbus, Ga. The ensemble includes students **Jennifer Bayline, Tim Ekenberg, Andrew Gunderson, Carl Hipenbecker, Jacob Klingbeil, Matt Lemanski, Zach Masa-Myers** and **Tyler Pimm**.

**VANCE DISPLAYS PASTEL ART IN NOHR GALLERY**

**Steve Vance**, UW-Platteville art professor, recently exhibited 12 pastel images of Mexico’s Yucatan Caribbean Coast in Ullsvik Hall’s Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery. Vance captured those images, and countless others, during a sabbatical experience to the region in 2010.